



FLYING OPERATIONS

BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE

National treasure... highly flexible joint service training... realistic combat replications

Air-to-air & air-to-ground training

65,000 cubic miles of airspace

More than 43,000 operations annually

Environmental stewards of Sonoran Desert

CRITICAL MISSION ELEMENTS

Ability to land & takeoff in either direction at Luke

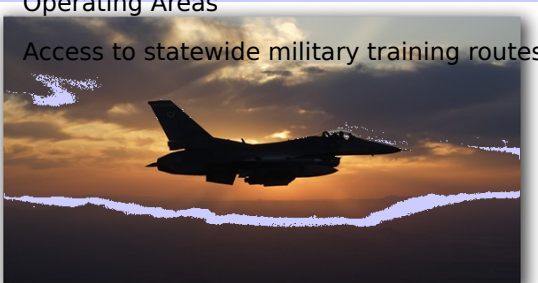
Ability to access Barry M. Goldwater Range

Flying practice instrument approaches at Aux 1

Ability to touch & goes at Gila Bend Aux Field

Access to & from Gladden/Bagdad Military Operating Areas

Access to statewide military training routes



BEWARE THE THUNDERBOLT



LUKE AIR FORCE BASE



56th FIGHTER WING

Located west of Phoenix, Luke Air Force Base is home to the 56th Fighter Wing, the largest fighter wing in the world with 165 aircraft, 26 squadrons, four tenant units, nearly 8,000 military and civilian personnel, and stewardship of the 1.7 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Range. Luke is the only active-duty Air Force F-16 training wing.

LUKE MISSION

Luke Air Force Base trains the world's greatest F-16 fighter pilots and maintainers, while deploying mission-ready warfighters.

LUKE HISTORY

Luke Air Force Base is named for the WWI flying ace Lieutenant Frank Luke Jr., the first aviator to receive the Medal of Honor. Lieutenant Luke scored 18 aerial victories, 14 against German observation balloons, before being killed at the age of 21 on Sept. 29, 1918.

LUKE SENIOR LEADERSHIP



Brigadier General Kurt F. Neubauer is the 56th Fighter Wing commander, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. General Neubauer is a 1981 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He has served in

flying and staff assignments, including United States Air Force Weapons School instructor pilot and Chief of F-22 Operational Requirements. He has commanded the 34th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah; and 8th Operations Group, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. Prior to assuming his current duties, he was the commander, 11th Wing, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington DC. General Neubauer is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours in the F-16, including combat operations over Iraq.



Colonel Jeffery Weed
56th Fighter Wing Vice Commander



Colonel Pete Schaub
56th Operations Group Commander



Colonel Geoffrey Parkhurst
56th Maintenance Group Commander



Colonel Andre Curry
56th Mission Support Group Commander



Colonel Mark Holland
56th Medical Group Commander



Chief Master Sergeant Randall Raper
56th Fighter Wing Command Chief

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

IN FISCAL YEAR 2008, LUKE:

- Produced 363 pilots
- Produced 455 crew chiefs
- Graduated 65 intelligence specialists
- Flew 29, 298 sorties (Avg 121 per day)
- Totaled more than 39,411 flying hours
- Deployed 684 Airmen

Volunteered 100,000 hours in community

LUKE ECONOMIC IMPACT

Direct	\$ 653 Million
Indirect	\$ 1.1 Billion
<u>Induced</u>	<u>\$ 333 Million</u>
Total Economic Impact in AZ	\$ 2.17 Billion

(Source: Maguire Company)



LUKE MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

“IN THE NEWS”

- F-16 upgrades
- Medical Facilities Renovation
- Community Initiatives Team
- Land acquisitions
- Air Force Ball Event in Glendale September 12, 2009
- Honorary commanders program

AIRCRAFT & GRADUATES

Since 1994, Luke has trained pilots to fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon with more than 15,960 pilot graduates and 8,435 F-16 crew chiefs. F-16 combat pilots and maintainers currently in Afghanistan and Iraq were trained at Luke. Since 1941, Luke has graduated more than 55,745 pilots. Before 1994, other weapon systems employed at Luke include:

Aircraft	Graduates
A1-6	14,127
P-40	2,814
P-3	280
P-51	685
F-84	6,930
F-86	123
F-100	3,451
A-7D	147
F-104	2,200
F-5	1,699
F-4	3,147
F-15A/E	4,200

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